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1. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES (CONFIDENTIAL)

UNHCR SOUTHEAST ASIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAMPATKUMAR CHAIRED A MEETING ON JULY 3 OF FOREIGN AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN KUALA LUMPUR, WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THE INCREASING GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM OF INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES IN THE AREA, AND PARTICULARLY IN MALAYSIA. FOLLOWING A PLEA BY SAMPATKUMAR FOR ACCELERATING THE OUTFLOW OF BOAT REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIAN CAMPS, AMBASSADOR MILLER REVIEWED THE U.S. PROGRAM AND EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE SITUATION AND SHEPARD LOWMAN OF HA/

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ORM NOTED OUR INTENTION TO FOLLOW THE PRESENT 25,000 PAROLE MEASURE WITH PERMANENT LEGISLATION. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, AMBASSADOR MILLER RAISED THE QUESTION OF A BROADER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DRAMATIZE THE NEED FOR A LONG RANGE SOLUTION OF BOAT REFUGEE PROBLEMS. SAMPATKUMAR GAVE HIS PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT TO THIS SUGGESTION

AND THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO SUPPORTED IT. IN A SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT WE HAVE TOLD THE AUSTRALIANS THAT WE SUPPORT GOA IMMIGRATION MINISTER MACKELLAR'S PLAN TO PUSH FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK IN SEPTEMBER DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO ASIAN CAPITALS.

2. SSOD ADJOURNS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

USUN IN GIVING ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE SSOD NOTED THAT THE CONSENSUS WHICH WAS FINALLY ACHIEVED HAD SEEMED REMOTE WELL INTO THE SESSION. THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT ALL AND WAS APPARENTLY GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE DETERMINATION OF A NUMBER OF KEY DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS AND A READINESS IN THE END TO COMPROMISE. JAPAN'S IMPORTANT ROLE THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CITED.

ON ISSUES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO EA THE OUTCOME WAS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. WE HEADED OFF A NON-ALIGNED DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN BASES; THE GENERAL LANGUAGE OF THE ZONES OF PEACE, WHILE NOT COMPLETELY IN ACCORD WITH OUR VIEWS, WAS ACCEPTABLE; THE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL STATED "...THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTES THE PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES OF PEACE, INTER ALIA, IN...SOUTHEAST ASIA WHERE STATES
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IN THE REGION HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A ZONE IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR VIEWS;...". ON THE QUESTION OF NEGATIVE NUCLEAR ASSURANCES, THE GA NOTED THE DECLARATIONS MADE BY THE NUCLEAR STATES, URGED THEM TO PURSUE EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE AS APPROPRIATE EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AGAINST THE USE OR THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. NAM - KOREA (CONFIDENTIAL)

EMBASSY BELGRADE HAS SECONDED THE VIEW THAT SEOUL'S REQUEST TO THE YUGOSLAVS THAT FIVE ROK JOURNALISTS BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE NAM BELGRADE CONFERENCE WILL SIMPLY BE IGNORED. THE EMBASSY NOTES YUGOSLAVIA'S LONG PARTISANSHIP TOWARD NORTH KOREA AND ITS AVERSION TO THE USE OF RESERVATIONS ON THE NAM FINAL DOCUMENT, RESERVATIONS WHICH THE ROK WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE KOREAN ISSUE WILL BE TREATED IN BELGRADE MUCH THE SAME AS IN HAVANNA. VANCE

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